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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Akira HAMAMATSU *et al.*
Appl'n No. : 10/050,776
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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INSPECTING DEFECTS
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of the shortened statutory period for response set by the Office Action mailed 5 March 2004 in connection with the above-identified application. To whatever other extent is actually appropriate, Applicant respectfully petitions the Commissioner for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Submitted herewith is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the requisite fee. Please charge any actual and necessary deficiency in fees to ATS&K Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case 500.41064X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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